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In re application of: Masuda et al.

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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION

This responds to the final Office action dated November 2, 2007. This response is being filed no later than **January 2, 2008**, which is within two-months of the issuance of the final Office action. Applicants request expedited entry and review of this response.

It is believed that no fees are required for this filing. However, if fees are determined to be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to take those fees from Deposit Account 02-4550.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2. **Remarks** begin on page 7, and end with a brief Conclusion on page 12.